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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A marker for identifying or measuring details of an image provided on a light transmitting substrate, the marker comprising:

a substrate having at least one portion with an adhesive backing releasably engageable with the light transmitting substrate at an engaged position overlying at least a portion of the image, and further having at least one substantially transparent portion located laterally on the substrate with respect to the adhesive backing that is substantially transparent and overlying at least a portion of the image in the engaged position with at least a portion of the underlying image viewable therethrough, and has wherein the substantially transparent portion includes indicia thereon viewable with reference to at least a portion of the underlying image through the substantially transparent portion for identifying or measuring details of an the underlying image on which the marker is to be overlaid.

2. (Original) The marker of claim 1 wherein the substrate comprises a first portion and a second portion, the first portion having a surface with an adhesive backing, the second portion being substantially transparent and having the indicia for identifying or measuring details of an image.

3. (Original) The marker of claim 2 wherein the indicia comprises a target sight.

4. (Original) The marker of claim 2 wherein the target sight substantially defines a perimeter around a region of the second portion.

5. (Original) The marker of claim 3 wherein the target sight focuses a readers attention on a region of the image.

6. (Original) The marker of claim 3 wherein the target sight substantially surrounds a region of the second portion.

7. (Original) The marker of claim 3 wherein the target sight comprises at least one circle.

8. (Original) The marker of claim 7 wherein the at least one circle comprises a circle having a diameter of about 1 cm.

9. (Original) The marker of claim 7 wherein the at least one circle comprises a circle having a

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diameter of about 2 cm.

10. (Original) The marker of claim 7 wherein the at least one circle comprises a circle having a diameter of about 4 cm.

11. (Original) The marker of claim 3 wherein the target sight comprises at least two orthogonal line segments.

12. (Original) The marker of claim 11 wherein the target sight comprises a square having side dimensions of about 1 cm.

13. (Original) The marker of claim 11 wherein the target sight comprises a grid having a plurality of squares having side dimensions of about 1 cm.

14. (Original) The marker of claim 7 wherein the target sight further comprises at least two line segments that are disposed on one or more lines that substantially bisect the circle.

15. (Original) The marker of claim 2 wherein the second portion has a substantially adhesive free backing.

16. (Original) The marker of claim 2 wherein the marker comprises a note portion that is not transparent.

17. (Original) The marker of claim 16 wherein the note portion comprises a surface adapted to receive graphite, lead, or ink writing.

18. (Original) The marker of claim 16 wherein the note portion includes a plurality of substantially parallel lines.

19. (Original) The marker of claim 16 wherein the note portion overlays the first portion.

20. (Currently Amended) The marker of claim 16 wherein the note portion comprises a substantially opaque paper surface to receive writing.

21. (Original) The marker of claim 16 wherein the note portion comprises a paper surface having a plurality of substantially parallel lines and being adapted to receive graphite, lead, or ink writing.

22. (Original) The marker of claim 2 wherein the indicia comprises an inscribed dimension.

23. (Original) The marker of claim 22 wherein the inscribed dimension is disposed on the

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second portion.

24. (Original) The marker of claim 2 wherein the indicia comprises graduations.

25. (Original) The marker of claim 24 wherein the graduations are disposed on the second portion.

26. (Original) The marker of claim 2 wherein the indicia comprises an inscribed dimension and graduations disposed on the second portion.

27. (Original) The marker of claim 14 wherein the note portion comprises a paper surface having a plurality of substantially parallel lines and being adapted to receive graphite, lead, or ink writing, and the indicia comprises an inscribed dimension and graduations disposed on the second portion.

28. (Original) The marker of claim 1 further comprising a releasable sheet disposed on the adhesive backing.

29. (Currently Amended) Apparatus comprising:

a light transmitting substrate for providing an image;

a removable marker having a first portion with adhesive backing ~~for attachment~~ releasably attachable to the light transmitting substrate, and further having a second portion that is substantially transparent and without adhesive backing overlying at least a portion of the image of the substrate in an attached position with at least a portion of the image viewable therethrough, thereby allowing the second portion being manually engageable and movable relative to the substrate and first portion in the attached position for viewing the image other than through the substantially transparent portion and without lifting to be lifted from the light transmitting substrate, without the need to lift the adhesive backed portion from the substrate.

30. (Original) The apparatus of claim 29 wherein the image is a diagnostic image.

31. (Original) The apparatus of claim 29 wherein the light transmitting substrate is an x-ray film.

32. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for use in ~~diagnosis~~ diagnostic imaging, the apparatus comprising:

a light transmitting substrate for providing a diagnostic image; and

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a removable marker having a first portion with adhesive backing ~~for attachment~~
releasably attachable to the light transmitting substrate, and further having a second portion that
is substantially transparent and overlies at least a portion of the image of the substrate in an
attached position with at least a portion of the image viewable therethrough, and has the second
portion having a target sight inscribed thereon viewable with reference to at least a portion of the
underlying image through the second portion and enabling identification or measurement of at
least a portion of the underlying image.

33. (Currently Amended) Apparatus comprising:

a light transmitting substrate for providing an image; and

a removable marker having a first portion with adhesive backing ~~for attachment~~
releasably attachable to the light transmitting substrate, and further having a second portion that
is substantially transparent and overlies at least a portion of the image of the substrate in an
attached position with at least a portion of the image viewable therethrough, wherein at least one
of the first portion and the second portion includes a gauge portion viewable with reference to at
least a portion of the underlying image through the second portion and enabling identification or
measurement of at least a portion of the underlying image.

34. (Currently Amended) Apparatus comprising:

a light transmitting substrate for providing an image; and

a removable marker having a first portion with including an adhesive backing ~~for~~
~~attachment~~ releasably attachable to the light transmitting substrate and at least one substantially
opaque, writable surface portion located on an opposite side of the marker relative to the
adhesive backing and configured to receive writing thereon, and further having a second portion
located laterally with respect to the first portion that is substantially transparent and overlies at
least a portion of the image of the substrate in an attached position with at least a portion of the
image viewable therethrough, wherein the first portion includes a paper surface for receiving
writing.

35-39. (Cancelled)

40. (Original) Apparatus comprising:

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a holder; and

a plurality of markers as set forth in claim 1, releasably mounted in the holder.

41. (Currently amended) A method for marking an area of interest on a diagnostic image comprising the steps of:

providing a light transmitting substrate having a diagnostic image; and

~~marking an area of interest on the diagnostic image using~~ providing a marker comprising a substrate having a first portion and a second portion, wherein the first portion has a surface with an adhesive backing and a paper surface for receiving writing and the second portion is substantially transparent and has indicia thereon for identifying the area of interest on the diagnostic image;

releasably engaging the first position of the marker to the substrate and positioning the second portion of the marker over at least a portion of the image with at least a portion of the underlying image visible therethrough; and

viewing at least a portion of the underlying image through the second portion, and at least one of identifying and measuring the underlying area of interest of the image with reference to the indicia.

42. (Currently amended) A marker for at least one of identification and measuring a diagnostic image provided on a light transmitting substrate, the marker comprising:

a marker substrate having a first portion and a second portion located laterally on the marker with respect to the first portion, wherein the first portion has means for releasably adhering the marker substrate to the light transmitting substrate in an engaged position overlying at least a portion of the a diagnostic image and a paper surface for receiving writing, and the second portion has means for at least one of identifying and measuring an area of interest on the underlying diagnostic image.

43. (New) A method as defined in claim 41, further comprising the steps of providing a marker further including a substantially opaque, writable surface; and manually writing on the writable surface diagnostic information pertaining to the area of interest of the underlying image.

44. (New) A method as defined in claim 41, further comprising the steps of providing a

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marker further including indicia in the form at least one of a gauge and a target sight, viewing at least a portion of the underlying image through the second portion, and at least one of identifying and measuring the underlying area of interest of the image with reference to the indicia.

45. (New) A marker as defined in claim 42, wherein the first portion further comprises means for manually writing thereon information concerning the area of interest on the underlying diagnostic image.

46. (New) A marker as defined in claim 1, wherein the indicia is substantially opaque.